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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS IN ARGENTINE SUPREME COURT

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1. APRIL 7 WASHINGTON POST CARRIES FOLLOWING STORY  
 DATED BUENOS AIRES: "ARGENTINE COURT CHALLENGE.  
 THE PARENTS OF A MAN WHO DISAPPEARED HERE FIVE MONTHS AGO  
 ARE ASKING ARGENTINA'S SUPREME COURT TO ORDER THE MILITARY  
 GOVERNMENT TO DISCLOSE INFORMATION IT MAY HAVE ON HIS  
 WHEREABOUTS.

DR. JOSE LEVITAN'S PETITION REGARDING HIS SON, CLAUDIO  
 AUGUSTO LEVITAN, 23, CONTENDS THE HIGH COURT'S STATUS IS  
 EQUAL TO THAT OF THE MILITARY JUNTA. THE CASE IS BELIEVED  
 TO BE THE FIRST CHALLENGE OF ITS KIND TO THE MILITARY  
 GOVERNMENT, ACCORDING TO WASHINGTON POST CORRESPONDENT  
 KAREN DEYOUNG."

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2. DURING DERIAN VISIT, JUAN DE ONIS REPORTED THAT  
 PERMANENT ASSEMBLY FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IS PLANNING TO  
 PETITION SUPREME COURT ON BEHALF OF 600 INDIVIDUALS WHO  
 HAVE BEEN DENIED HABEAS CORPUS. ASSEMBLY APPARENTLY HOPES  
 THAT COURT WILL APPOINT A JUDGE TO INVESTIGATE SITUATION  
 AND THIS WILL LEAD TO INFORMATION ABOUT 600 CASES OR TO  
 DETERMINATION BY COURT THAT LEGAL PROCESSES ARE NOT  
 FUNCTIONING IN ARGENTINA. ASSEMBLY REPORTEDLY BELIEVES  
 THAT SUPREME COURT IS MADE UP OF SUFFICIENTLY HONEST  
 JUDGES AND THAT THEY WILL TAKE CASE VERY SERIOUSLY.

3. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE DETAILS ON THESE CASES IF  
 AVAILABLE AND EMBASSY'S COMMENTARY OF ROLE OF SUPREME  
 COURT IN PROTECTING RULE OF LAW IN ARGENTINA.

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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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